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SUBJ: ECONADS: TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF 1976 REVIEWS OF SOV/EE
COUNTRIES

1. AT CLOSE OF THE JULY 10/11 MEETING, WITH EXPERTS, WHICH
REVIEWED THE GDR, HUNGARIAN, AND CZECHOSLOVAK ECONOMIES, ECONOMIC
COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN BILLY CIRCULATED A NOTE SUGGESTING THE 1976
MEETINGS FOR THE REVIEW OF WARSAW PACT COUNTRY ECONOMIES BE HELD
ACCORDING TO FOLLOWING SCHEDULE:

USSR- END OF APRIL

ROMANIA, BULGARIA, AND POLAND -- EARLY JUNE

GDR, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, AND HUNGARY -- END OF SEPTEMBER

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THIS TIMING WOULD PERMIT STUDIES, BOTH BY THE NATO ECONOMIC
DIRECTORATE AND NATIONAL AUTHORITIES, TAKING ACCOUNT OF THE DATA ON
THE 1976-1980 FIVE YEAR PLAN.

2. WE TRUST THIS WORK PROGRAM WILL BE ACCEPTABLE TO INTERESTED WASHINGTON AGENCIES. IF NOT, PLEASE INFORM US PROMPTLY SO CHAIRMAN AND OTHER MEMBERS CAN TAKE ACCOUNT OF OUR VIEWS. WE ALSO TRUST THIS EARLY WORD ON SCHEDULING OF THE REVIEWS WILL ASSIST WASHINGTON AGENCIES AND SOV/EE POSTS IN PLANNING FOR THEIR REPRESENTATION AT THESE MEETINGS.

3. BASED ON EXPERIENCE HERE, MOST RECENTLY AT THE MEETING JUST CONCLUDED (SEPTEL), WE WOULD UNDERSCORE THE VALUE ATTENDANCE BY POST OFFICERS AT THESE MEETINGS HAS FOR BOTH THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE AS A WHOLE AND FOR THE OFFICERS AND SENDING POSTS THEMSELVES. OFFICERS FROM THE AREA INVOLVED CONTRIBUTE SUBSTANTIALLY TO THE QUALITY OF THE DISCUSSIONS, BRINGING FRESH DATA AND PERSONAL IMPRESSIONS TO BEAR ON THE BASIC PAPERS PREPARED IN CAPITALS. THE MEETINGS ALSO GIVE TO THEM AN OPPORTUNITY TO COMPARE THEIR OWN IMPRESSIONS AT POST X WITH THOSE OF OTHERS FROM POSTS Y AND Z, TO THE MUTUAL BENEFIT OF ALL. NO LESS IMPORTANT, THEY ALSO GIVE TO BOTH THE REPORTING OFFICERS FROM THE FIELD AND "END-USERS" FROM CAPITALS A BETTER IDEA OF THE CAPABILITIES OF THE FORMER AND THE REQUIREMENTS (AND PRODUCT) OF THE LATTER. BRUCE

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